

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes X  
no       

Property Name: Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery Inventory Number: SM-893

Address: Point Lookout Road (MD 5) City: Scotland Zip Code: 20687

County: Saint Marys USGS Topographic Map: Point Lookout

Owner: United States of America

Tax Parcel Number: 17 Tax Map Number: 73 Tax Account ID Number: 1901034103

Project: Federal nomination Agency: Veterans Administration

Site visit by MHT staff: X no        yes Name:                                  Date:                         

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended       

Criteria: X A        B        C        D Considerations:        A        B        C        D        E        F        G        None

Is the property located within a historic district? X no        yes Name of District:                                 

Is district listed?        no        yes Determined eligible?        no        yes District Inventory Number:                                 

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

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Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Confederate remains are interred in a common mound. Originally, these Confederate POWs were buried in two cemeteries near the prison camp. In 1870, the State of Maryland had the remains removed to a better location about 1 mile inland. They were buried in a common mound as the individual graves could not be identified, the wooden headboards which marked the graves having been destroyed by fire several years before. In 1910, the State of Maryland requested the United States Government to assume the care of these dead in the same manner as was being done elsewhere and, towards that end, passed an Act relinquishing all right, title, and interest in the cemetery. The United States Government marked the common grave with a granite monument of reinforced concrete construction approximately 85' high. Twelve bronze tablets giving the names and commands of 3,383 known Confederate soldiers and showing 1 designated Unknown were affixed to the monument. The small white marble monument erected by the State of Maryland at the time of the reburial was removed to the original site (Tracts 1 & 2) about 1 mile from the United States monument (location in Tract 3). Under date of July 25, 1932, Tracts 1 and 2 (title to which had been vested in the United States in 1868) were declared by the Secretary of War to be surplus to military needs, and in May 1938 the monument erected by the State of Maryland was moved back to Tract 3, the present cemetery site. Tracts 1 and 2 were sold to private individuals in 1940 for \$105.

Prepared by: Gjore Mollenhoff, VA Date Prepared:                                 

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MHT Comments:

Nancy Miller

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

August 10, 1979

Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

<b>NATIONAL CEMETERY DATA</b>					
DATE <b>September 30, 1977</b>		NATIONAL CEMETERY SUPERVISING OFFICE <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>		CEMETERY <b>POINT LOOKOUT CONFEDERATE CEM.</b>	
ADDRESS <b>Point Lookout St. Mary's County, Maryland</b>			TELEPHONE NO. <b>703-836-5214</b>		LODGE NO. ROOMS <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICE <input type="checkbox"/>
SUPERINTENDENT DATA NAME (First, middle initial, last) <b>Maintained by contract (See Note 3)</b>			PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT		LENGTH OF SERVICE
GRADE			DATE OF GRADE		DATE OF ASSIGNMENT
<b>ACREAGE DATA</b>					
DEVELOPED ACREAGE <b>1.03</b>		UNDEVELOPED ACREAGE <b>0</b>		TOTAL ACREAGE <b>1.03</b>	
MEANS OF ACQUIRING LAND <b>Donation--1910</b>					
<b>INTERMENT AND GRAVESITE DATA</b>					
F.	NO. OF INTERMENTS	TOTAL INTERMENTS <b>3,384 (See Note 2)</b>		GRAVESITES USED <b>1</b>	GRAVESITES RESERVED <b>0</b>
		GRAVESITES AVAILABLE <b>0</b>			
		SECTIONS WITH PRIVATE MONUMENTS		GROUP INTERMENTS	
<b>None</b>		-		-	
<b>HISTORICAL DATA</b>					
<b>ORIGINAL ESTABLISHMENT</b>					
DATE <b>1864</b>		TYPE OF INSTALLATION <b>Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery</b>			
AUTHORITY <b>Act of Maryland General Assembly 1870-1874</b>				IMPLEMENTED BY	
<b>PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT</b>					
DATE <b>1874</b>		TYPE OF INSTALLATION <b>(To United States in 1910) Confederate Cemetery</b>			
AUTHORITY <b>Act of 2-22-1867 (14 Stat 399) and Act of 3-9-1906 (34 Stat 56)</b>				IMPLEMENTED BY	
FACTS OF SPECIAL HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE <b>Confederate remains are interred in a common mound. Originally, these Confederate POWs were buried in two cemeteries near the prison camp. In 1870, the State of Maryland had the remains removed to a better location about 1 mile inland. They were buried in a common mound as the individual graves could not be identified, the wooden headboards which marked the graves having been destroyed by fire several years before. In 1910, the State of Maryland requested the United States Government to assume the care of these dead in the same manner as was being done elsewhere and, towards that end, passed an Act relinquishing all right, title and interest in the cemetery. (See Note 2)</b>					
<b>GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION AND TERRAIN</b>					
<b>Situated in St. Mary's County at Point Lookout, Maryland. The cemetery is located on Maryland State Highway 5. Cemetery may be reached from Washington, D.C. via Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E. across John Philip Sousa Bridge to Maryland; proceed to intersection with Branch Avenue. Continue on Branch Avenue, which becomes a part of Highway 5, to site approximately 80 miles from Washington, D.C.</b>					
<b>Terrain - low and level.</b>					

## POINT LOOKOUT CONFEDERATE CEMETERY

Miscellaneous Notes

1. Named by GO #4, WD, 1937.
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Maryland Historical Trust

August 10, 1979

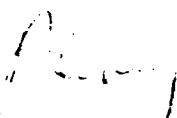
Miss Gjore Mollenhoff  
Federal Agency Representative  
Office of Construction  
Veterans Administration  
Washington, D. C. 20420

Dear Gjore:

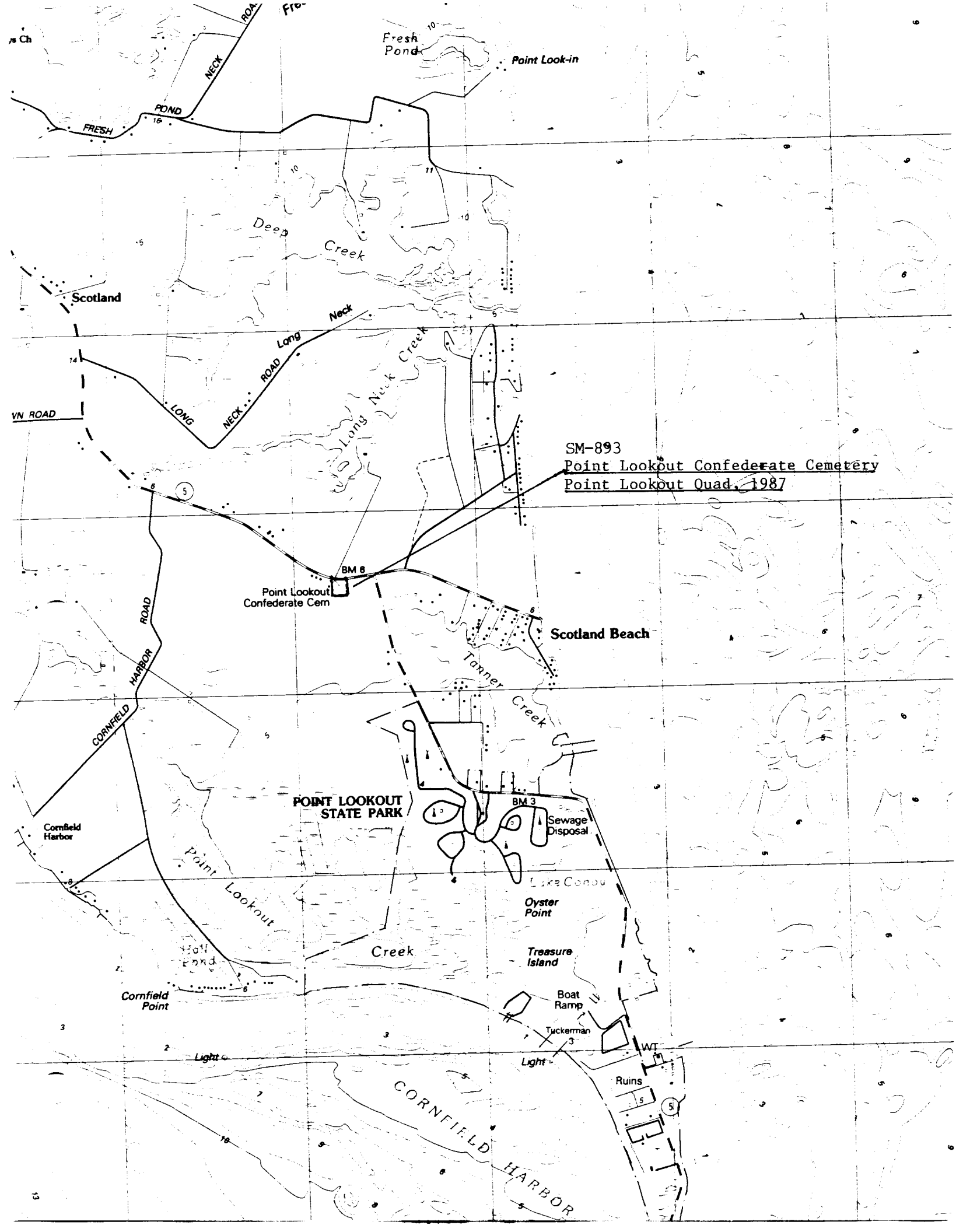
The Maryland State Historic Preservation Office concurs with the Veterans Administration that the following properties appear to meet the the National Register criteria:

UAMC Fort Howard, Baltimore County  
Annapolis National Cemetery, Anne Arundel County  
Baltimore National Cemetery, Baltimore City  
Loudon Park National Cemetery, Baltimore City  
✓ Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery, St. Mary's County

Sincerely,

  
Nancy Miller  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer

NAM:mms



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Point Lookout Quad, 1987